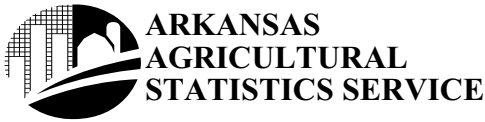


ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



April 18, 2005

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2005 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: April 18, 3PM - There were 4 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 0% very short, 5% short, 69% adequate, and 26% surplus.

CROPS: Some farmers were able to get into the fields late in the week, and into the weekend, to resume planting of rice and corn. Other areas had continued delays due to rainfall. Some wheat producers are concerned the increased rainfall will have an adverse impact on crop conditions. Planting is still behind the previous year, and mostly behind the five year average. Some wheat producers are spraying fields for stripe rust. Most producers are fertilizing their fields.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are reported to be in good condition. Beef producers are working cattle and calves. Some producers are fertilizing pastures and spraying to control weeds in their pastures and hay fields.

Progress %					Condition %					
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previou s Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
CORN										
	Planted	70	57	85						78
	Emerged	45	24	60						43
SOYBEANS										
	Planted	8	3	10						5
SORGHUM										
	Planted	19	8	29						31
	Emerged ¹	7	n/a	n/a						n/a
COTTON										
	Planted	1	0	2						1
RICE										
	Planted	13	6	44						31
	Emerged	2	0	7						5
WHEAT					0	8	41	44	7	
	Headed	18	5	31	26					
HAY - OTHER					0	8	20	68	4	
HAY - ALFALFA					0	3	31	65	1	
PASTURE & RANGE					1	5	35	48	11	

1 Was not asked previous week, nor this early in previous year.

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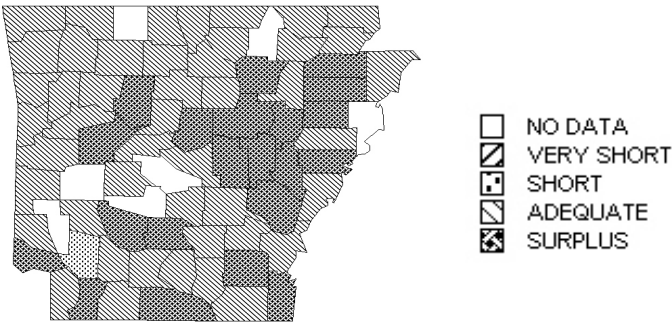
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

April 17, 2005. Temperatures were below normal in some areas and above normal in others. Precipitation in most areas of the state. Hot Springs recorded the high temperature of 84°. Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 35°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 3.26 inches at Stuttgart to 0.00 inches at Fort Smith and Mena.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: April 17, 2005

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING APR 17	CURR APR ACCUM.	APR NORMAL	JAN-MAR	
							2005	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	77	37	0	0.44	3.69	4.33	7.94	8.72
Harrison	78	41	0	0.46	1.95	4.09	8.57	9.51
2 Calico Rock	82	37	1	0.92	1.97	4.36	12.18	10.43
Gilbert	80	35	-3	1.84	2.92	4.05	11.15	9.77
Greers Ferry	79	42	-1	0.86	2.84	5.02	10.15	11.94
Mountain Home	78	46	2	1.54	3.09	4.13	12.19	10.22
3 Batesville	80	41	0	1.80	3.25	4.76	11.22	11.10
Jonesboro	79	44	0	1.49	3.45	4.99	11.28	11.30
Keiser	82	45	1	1.56	3.97	4.90	12.68	12.34
Newport	83	47	0	1.60	2.47	5.01	11.66	11.63
4 Booneville	82	41	-1	0.03	1.25	4.32	9.60	10.38
Clarksville	79	46	3	0.48	2.57	4.48	11.11	10.20
Dardanelle	80	43	0	1.39	2.37	4.24	10.08	10.94
Ft. Smith	82	44	2	0.00	2.37	3.91	7.69	8.90
Mena	78	40	1	0.00	2.26	5.20	10.42	12.13
Ozark	79	44	1	0.10	2.28	3.63	13.53	10.03
5 Conway	80	44	-1	1.00	2.45	5.00	10.90	11.20
Hot Springs	84	40	-1	0.50	2.41	5.31	12.24	12.94
Little Rock	80	47	0	1.41	2.57	5.47	11.28	11.82
N Little Rock	80	47	-2	1.41	2.57	5.03	10.90	11.52
Brinkley	81	47	1	2.00	3.48	5.19	13.02	12.45
Marianna	80	46	0	2.29	4.76	5.30	11.43	13.62
Stuttgart	81	47	0	3.26	5.94	5.29	11.52	11.52
7 Hope	82	40	1	0.47	1.49	4.89	9.22	13.12
Texarkana	81	46	-1	0.19	1.59	3.95	7.78	10.97
8 Camden	83	43	0	1.20	2.68	4.63	9.78	13.82
El Dorado	81	42	-2	3.02	4.03	4.55	9.28	14.32
Warren	82	45	0	3.22	4.74	5.13	10.29	15.48
9 Eudora	83	48	1	2.20	3.93	6.15	10.33	16.72
Pine Bluff	82	47	0	1.89	2.64	5.14	11.61	13.29
Rohwer	80	49	0	2.10	4.59	5.07	12.58	14.61